

Evaluation of UNICEF's Social Protection Responses towards Universal Child Benefits

Panel Discussion

Building partnerships with international financial institutions and donor agencies to improve financing for child-sensitive social protection systems

Date	21 March 2024
Time	09:00 AM CET/ 4:00 PM GMT +8 / 10:00 AM SAST
Duration	75 mins
Speakers	Rémy Pigios, UNICEF Tunisia CO (Confirmed) Munkhtuul Batbaatar, UNICEF Mongolia CO (Confirmed) Denis Jobin, UNICEF HQ (Confirmed) Michael Samson, EPRI Mohamed El Aziz Ben Ghachem, World Bank (Confirmed) ADB, Mongolia (Confirmed)
Registration link:	https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwodOihqz8iG9xw8DiiPxd2JaA9u_eaZAj

Topics Covered:

OBJECTIVE: UNICEF and development partners are prioritising partnerships with international and regional financial institutions and funding agencies to mobilise additional resources for providing comprehensive, sustainable social protection coverage for children. This webinar examines two UNICEF success stories of engaging in partnerships with IFI's and donor agencies to mobilise resources and support countries in designing, financing, and implementing effective child-sensitive social protection programmes.

- **Good practice 1: UNICEF's partnership with World Bank** in Tunisia—an effective partnership to support the government in introducing and expanding the child allowance programme
- Financing challenges strengthening child-sensitive social protection systems
 - Considering the importance of sustaining and mobilising financial resources for child-sensitive social protection, what approaches can be replicated or shared to ensure long-term sustainability beyond initial implementation phases?
- Partnership between UNICEF and World Bank to generate evidence and engage in effective advocacy for introduction of the child allowance
 - In the face of potential future crises similar to COVID-19, what innovative strategies do you envision for mobilising financial resources to sustain and expand child-sensitive social protection programmes?
- **Good practice 2: UNICEF's partnership with ADB in Mongolia to build and gather evidence** - Supporting the government in expanding the Child Money Programme (CMP) by producing complementary evidence pieces on the impact of the programme

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- Leveraging partnerships with IFIs to produce evidence that informs policymaking and financing, with increased ownership for jointly developed evidence pieces
 - What lessons have been learned in terms of enhancing ownership and effectiveness of jointly developed evidence pieces through these partnerships?
- Shaping advocacy strategies aimed at expanding child-sensitive social protection through partnership with UNICEF
 - How do you anticipate UNICEF's role in fostering partnerships with IFIs to evolve, particularly in mobilising resources to support child-sensitive social protection system worldwide?

Storyline

Timing	Agenda	Responsible
00 – 10 (10 mins)	Welcome remarks and introduction Overview of good practice and evaluation	Denis Jobin
10-20 (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing challenges in strengthening social protection systems <p>Question to panellist: Considering the importance of sustaining and mobilising financial resources for child-sensitive social protection, what approaches can be replicated or shared to ensure long-term sustainability beyond initial implementation phases?</p>	Rémy Pigios (Confirmed)
20-30 (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership between UNICEF and World Bank to generate evidence and engage in effective advocacy for introduction of the child allowance <p>Question to panellist: In the face of potential future crises similar to COVID-19, what innovative strategies do you envision for mobilising financial resources to sustain and expand child-sensitive social protection programmes?</p>	Mohamed El Aziz Ben Ghachem, World Bank (Confirmed)
30-40 (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging partnerships with IFIs to produce evidence that informs policymaking and financing <p>Question to panellist: What lessons have been learned in terms of enhancing ownership and effectiveness of jointly developed evidence pieces through these partnerships?</p>	Munkhtuul Batbaatar (Confirmed)
40-50 (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaping advocacy strategies aimed at expanding child-sensitive social protection through partnership with UNICEF 	ADB Mongolia Representative

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50-70 (20 mins)	Q&A	Denis Jobin moderates
70-75 (5 mins)	Closing remarks	Michael Samson